

August 30, 2000

Our Reference: WA-TX#0221.90.03

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
Post Office Box 13247  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am responding to your recent correspondence by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0221.90.03 for individuals with related conditions under the Community Living and Self Support (CLASS) program. This HCBSW program expired on August 29, 2000. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending submission of the waiver renewal to our office. You indicated that you need additional time to develop automated reports through the new Claims Management System (CMS) for use in the formula calculations.

Because a decision regarding renewal of this waiver could not be finalized before the current program expired on August 29, 2000, I am granting the State of Texas a fifth temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0221.90.03. This program is approved under authority of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from August 30, 2000 through November 27, 2000 at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reeder at 214-767-4419.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations